

# THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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It Is Easy Enough for a Man to Convince Himself That He Is Right But When He Has to Prove It to His Wife—That's Different

## WAR SAVINGS STAMPS SALE BEGINS TODAY

To Raise Two Billion Dollars in One Month

ALL OF US MUST SAVE

Undertaking Means an Average Purchase of \$20 in Stamps for Each Individual.

Washington, Dec. 3.—What Secretary McAdoo describes as the greatest medium for stimulating thrift and savings ever devised is to be put in operation by the United States Treasury Department on today, December 3d. The plan is the work of Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the largest bank in America, assisted by leaders of labor, agriculture and commerce. The magnitude of the undertaking can be appreciated from the fact that the two billion dollars to be raised between now and January 1, 1919, requires an average purchase by every man, woman, and child in the United States of War Savings Stamps of the face value of \$20. These stamps of the denomination of \$5 may be bought for \$4.12, which latter sum with interest at 4 per cent, compounded quarterly, will amount to \$5 on January 1, 1923, when the stamps are to be redeemed. Thrift stamps, so called, in the denomination of 25 cents will also be sold, but these will not draw interest, being used merely to accumulate small savings to an amount sufficient to exchange for five dollar stamps. The stamps will be on sale at post offices, banks, ticket offices, stores, moving picture houses, and so generally at public places that Mr. Vanderlip intends they shall be the most accessible article on sale. Rural letter carriers and city carriers are required by post office regulations to carry these stamps, and sell them at purchase. The sale will be especially interested in the plan, as teachers recognize that we are a spendthrift people and that nationwide improvement in this respect, in order to be lasting, must begin with the young. That we are far behind most of the world in general thrift is shown by the number of people in a thousand who had savings accounts prior to the present war. Of fifteen leading nations the United States came last, Switzerland standing at the head, the record of several countries being as follows:

Switzerland	554
France	345
Germany	317
England	302
Italy	220
United States	99

Mr. Vanderlip and Secretary McAdoo regard as of even greater importance than raising the two billion dollars two by-products of the War Savings movement.

First, The inculcation of habits of thrift in the American people. Second, The cutting down of unnecessary personal expenditures, which is absolutely essential to winning the war. The whole nation must come to recognize that it is not money in itself which the Government needs to win the war, but goods and services, and that goods and services can only be secured by the Government as the individual cuts down unnecessary expenditures and by that much releases labor to build ships, make ammunition, clothe the soldiers, and do the innumerable things which the Government must do if we are to win the fight.

Below is a table showing the amount of war stamps which must be sold in the different counties of Vermont:

County	War Sales Apportionment
Addison	\$ 400,200
Bennington	427,580
Caledonia	544,700
Chittenden	829,480
Essex	147,080
Franklin	567,320
Grand Isle	75,220
Lamoille	350,020
Orange	374,020
Orleans	485,920
Rutland	1,020,140
Washington	568,440
Windham	542,600
Windsor	694,860

State Total \$7,365,200 Basis:—\$20 per capita on population as estimated by Bureau of census, July 1, 1917.

A state organization will be completed and announced in a few days to supplement the work of the National War Savings committee in Vermont. This will reach to every corner of the state and require patriotic service from many men, women, and children in every town. The Department of education of the state has already begun the work of organizing the schools in England under a similar war savings system. It has been found that deposits in the savings banks were increased as never before, and it is believed that the same result will follow here.

## MASNIERES IS EVACUATED BY HAIG'S TROOPS

Bitter Fighting Continues Around Cambrai

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY

London is Prepared for News of Big Casualty List in Saturday's Fighting.

London, Dec. 3.—The most extensive operations on the western front since the battle of the Marne are in progress today in the vicinity of Cambrai. Field Marshal Haig reported that the British line is holding firm.

London is prepared for the news of a heavy casualty list in view of the fact that the German losses have been nearly double. The fighting continues today with extreme bitterness.

London, Dec. 2.—The British troops withdrawn from the village of Masnières, according to the official report from British Headquarters in France tonight, "without molestation from the enemy." Prior to this, heavy assaults by the Germans against this front were repulsed.

The text of the statement reads: A minor operation was undertaken early this morning by the Rifle, North County and Home County Battalions, northeast of Ypres. Some fortified buildings and strong points on the main ridge north of Passchendaele were captured and a number of prisoners taken.

On the Cambrai battlefield our troops were withdrawn under orders last night from the sharp salient formed by the village of Masnières without molestation from the enemy. This morning the enemy was still continuing to shell the evacuated village. The hostile attacks delivered during the night have been completely repulsed.

Fighting occurred in and around Comblanchette village. Hostile attacks delivered during the afternoon and evening in the neighborhood of La Vacquerie and Bouveron were broken up by our rifle and machine-gun fire or crushed by our artillery.

Concentrations of hostile infantry in the vicinity of Moeuvres were successfully engaged by our artillery.

Berlin, Dec. 2. (British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—British attacks in the Cambrai area yesterday were repulsed by the Germans, who cleared the village of Masnières and took prisoners there, according to today's report from army headquarters.

Wrist Watch Again.

Old Convert—I can't understand why the wrist watch is such an object of levity. I'm sure it is a great convenience.

New Convert—Yes. With the old kind, in order to find out the time I had to nibble my coat and fish around in my waistcoat pocket for my watch. Now all I have to do is unbutton my coat, fish around in my waistcoat pocket, discover that my watch isn't there, and then pull up my sleeve and look at my wrist watch.

COCK-HARDENBURGH

Waiter S. Cook Weds Miss Kathryn Hardenburgh.

The marriage of Miss Kathryn H. Hardenburgh, daughter of Mrs. C. Hardenburgh of North Adams and Mr. W. S. Cook of the 32d Field Artillery at Camp Devens, son of L. M. Cook, took place Thursday morning at 8.30 o'clock in the rectory of the Holy Name church in Springfield. A reception followed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. M. J. Marra of Ramsey street. Rev. Thomas A. McGovern, rector of the church, performed the ceremony and the attendants were Miss Josephine Keeler of Bennington and Philip Greenleaf, also of Bennington.

The bride's suit was of navy blue with a hat in harmony and the bridesmaid was also in blue. The gift of the bride to Miss Keeler was a pair of French Jewel equestrian and that of the groom to the bride was a pair of gold cuff links. To the bride the groom gave an oval ring and her gift to him was a pair of military fur lined gloves. Private and Mrs. Cook went to Boston on their wedding trip.

The bride is a graduate of St. Joseph's high school in North Adams but for the past five years has lived in Bennington and has been employed by the E. Z. Wait company with the class of 1910. Private Cook attended the Bennington high school and the Montpelier school of Philadelphia. Both have many friends in Bennington and North Adams.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont: Probably snow, thunders tonight and Tuesday except fair in south portion. Tuesday warmer.

## RED CROSS REPORT

Monthly Report of Bennington Treasurer.

The Bennington branch of the American Red Cross makes the following financial report for the month of November:

Nov. 1.	
Bal. in treasury	\$2807.90
Receipts:	
Gift, School No. 7	3.60
Gift, Miss Vassler	1.00
Gift, Miss Miller	3.00
From needles sold	.20
Gift, C. Lynn Wood	1.00
Receipts, card party, Mrs. Thomas	42.00
Gifts care of Xmas boxes	22.75
Gifts care of Xmas boxes	9.90
From No. Benn. ladies	12.50
Gift, Mrs. C. E. Patterson	156.00
Gift, Mrs. H. Twitchell	10.00
Gift, Mrs. W. B. Walker	1.00
Gift, Miss B. Wellington	1.00
Gift, 2 friends	2.00
Gift, a friend	2.00
Gift, Eastern Star Dance	5.00
Sale of pins Mrs. E. W. B.	5.00
Gift, Nellie S. Hathaway	2.00
Total Receipts	\$2144.95

Disbursements:	
300 Judges Trench Xmas Boxes	150.00
A Drysdale & Son	30.24
National Express Co.	5.29
Bennington Clear Co.	7.50
Y. L. Chap. Supply Service	43.00
F. W. Woolworth	17.30
Mrs. E. W. Bradford	15.10
Misc. acct.	15.10
C. L. Wood rub. stamps	1.00
Mrs. Levi Squire	25.00
Total	295.09

Dec. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Hawks Huling, Treas.

Miss Shirl Rogers has been appointed chairman of the Christmas Bazaar and William H. Wells, auditor. Although the treasury balance is almost \$2250, over \$800 has to be paid out immediately for Xmas gifts and shooting and yard purchased this past month and voted at the meeting of directors Friday. Yarn and materials have advanced substantially in price and any donations to the treasury will be gratefully received.

## CABBAGE NOT SO HIGH

John J. Squires Realizing Good Prices For This Year's Crop.

John J. Squires, the West Bennington farmer who astonished the agricultural circles in this section a year ago by selling a record crop of cabbages, is again realizing the performance during the recent season. He raised the cabbages all right enough but naturally failed to make so much money as the market conditions were decidedly different.

This year the price for cabbage has ranged all the way from \$12 to \$33 a ton and the largest quotations have been \$25 a ton. Mr. Squires has sold some of this year's crop for \$18 but has received a better price for most of his shipments. He has already shipped seven carloads aggregating 80 tons and expects to deliver the remainder of his crop amounting to five carloads in the near future. He may hold some of the vegetables in storage until late in the winter as he is confident the prices will improve as the weather becomes colder.

The market has been unstable this year, Mr. Squires believes, because of the attitude of the government as regards storage. The middlemen and commission dealers have been extremely cautious as they did not wish being caught with a lot of cabbage in case the government saw fit to establish a price.

## Valued Tablet.

A Babylonian tablet believed to have been written between 600 B. C. and 500 B. C., when translated at the University of Pennsylvania museum some time ago, proved to be one of the missing parts of the epic of Gilgamesh, regarded as one of the oldest and noblest poems in the world and said to have been to the Babylonians what the Iliad was to the Greeks.

## For Sanitary Bakers.

A waxed paper baking board, a sheet of which can be discarded when soiled and immediately replaced with another under it, and also a waxed paper rolling pin, with a cardboard core, so that the covering may be thrown away in the interest of sanitary baking have been invented by a Connecticut woman.

## How It Looked to Jimmie.

Jimmie's older sister has a beau. The beau has a touring car. One day Jimmie was playing in the front yard and the beau drove up in a roadster instead of his touring car. Jimmie ran into the house, calling: "Oh, Mom, come quick! Mr. Parker has come, and he only brought the front seat!"

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Man to chop fallen timber in woods near Moon's Cross. Two dollars a cord. Apply Hayes, 629 Main St.

## PRESIDENT HOLDS LEASH ON CONGRESS

Both Houses Mark Time Awaiting His Message

WAR PREDOMINATES

Administration Plans Must be Made Known Before Any Business is Transacted.

Washington, Dec. 3.—With no fixed legislative program, the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress began today at noon, to await word from President Wilson before going into active work. Not in years has there been a session of Congress in which the legislative activity depended so entirely upon the initiative of the Executive.

The reason for the lack of a Congressional program is obvious. Until the President speaks this Congress, which essentially is a war Congress, can have no definite idea of the requirements of the Administration in pursuing the war policy. Senators and Representatives, with few exceptions, have been away from the capital for two months, and scarcely a word has passed between the Executive and leaders of Congress during that time.

Leaders on both sides of the capital may be guided in their legislative work by the wishes of the President. What he wants will not be known until he appears in the hall of the House at 12.30 Tuesday to deliver his message. After that the wheels of the second war session will begin to turn.

The opening of the Senate today is expected to be merely perfunctory. The upper house probably will adjourn immediately for the day out of respect to the memory of Senator Burton of Wisconsin, who was accidentally killed by a duck hunting six weeks ago in the House. Various members may introduce bills pertaining to legislation in their own districts, but there will be no serious effort to launch general legislation in the House before Tuesday.

## WHY FRET?

Are the trains too slow for you? Caesar, with all his craft, never "exceeded" the speed limit.

Are your wages too small? In Europe people are content with making a living.

Are the lights too dim? David wrote his psalms by the light of a smoky torch.

Are you cold? The soldiers of Valley Forge walked barefoot on the ice and snow.

Are you hungry? The children of India are starving for want of a crust of bread.

Are you tired? Why fret about it? Jacob was tired when he dreamed of the angels of heaven.

Are you sick? Suppose you had lived 2000 years ago when sickness was fatal?

Are you poor? The Savior of men was not wealthy.

Cheer up! Praise God that you live in the midst of his blessings!

Why Fret?—Exchange.

## "THE WORLD GO MOVE"

A recently patented eye shade is supported from the nose like eye-glasses and is reinforced by a malleable metal band that permits it to be fitted to heads of all shapes.

Engineers in Sweden are experimenting with perforating the webs of street car rails to increase their resiliency and increase their life when laid on rigid foundations.

The doors of a new street car designed with the safety of passengers in view cannot be opened while the car is in motion and the car cannot be started while the doors are open.

Water valves 12 feet in diameter and so constructed that they will close automatically in event of a break in the pipe have been built for a hydro-electric plant in Utah.

Boat davits for seagoing vessels that in Alabama men have invented resemble long cranes that lower boats into or haul them out of the water from a safe distance from the vessel or from one fixed to the opposite side.

## COUNTY COURT

December Term Opens in This Village Tomorrow.

The December term of Bennington county court will open here tomorrow with Judge E. L. Waterman of Brattleboro presiding. The first week of the term will be devoted to the trial of court and the members of the jury will be excused until next Monday.

Judging from the docket the term will be short. There are only a few cases and it is already known that a number of the civil cases set for trial will not be heard.

## POOL AT Y. M. C. A.

Clarence Miller and Roger Hurley Tournament Winners.

The high school boys class of the Y. M. C. A. completed their pool tournament Saturday with the result that Clarence Miller won the membership pin for the first place and Roger Hurley was a close second, winning the membership button.

The score follows:

Clarence Miller wins no losses; Roger Hurley, second with eight victories and one defeat; Chas. Patchin, third with a record of seven games to his credit and two games lost. These players were closely hunched and some of the games were played in a spirited manner affording good entertainment for the kids who witnessed them. The other entrants finished in the following order: William Haley, Arthur Barrett, John Elwell, Will Mallory, George McGuire, Orin Griffiths and Gordon Southall.

A bowling tournament for this class will start Wednesday, Dec. 5. The matches will be rolled in the afternoons and will not interfere with the boys' studies. Prizes will be offered for the high team total and for the high single string as well as the best increase in average.

## Ideal Guestroom.

The guestroom need not be the best and sunniest room in the house, but it should be light and airy, and be so decorated and furnished as to be informal and homey. The ideal is to have a guestroom a little detached from the rooms which are occupied by the family. The bed should be the most comfortable bed procurable. If possible have twin beds.

## The Lever Principle.

In laying carpets and rugs, heavy furniture may be raised, with astonishing ease, by the use of a bed slide or something similar; a broom handle will answer for lightweight articles. Place one end of the slide under the furniture; put some solid object under that end. Then press down on the other end.

## Had an Idea.

William was a clever youngster, but his cleverness sometimes led him into funny mistakes. Once when he was traveling with his family they stopped for breakfast at a restaurant. William was permitted to make his own choice of food, but after the waiter had gone he grew doubtful of his wisdom in choosing and said, "I wish I could counteract that order."

## GLOBE SIGHTS

Most patient men are patient simply because they are spineless.

The longer a marriage is put off the less probability it will come off.

One does not have to look long anywhere for an excuse to find fault.

So many people are only able to recognize opportunity from a rear view.

A mass meeting probably accomplishes less in proportion to its size than anything else.

Ab Adkins admits he is getting older as some of the stories he heard as a boy are now going around disguised as new ones.

Suffering in silence is the most unusual performance.

A man who is always talking about his rights expects a good deal more.

Most men are not tempted, they go looking for that which gets them in trouble.

Considering what some women drew, it is difficult to explain their eagerness to have their daughters get married.—Aitchison Globe.

## HOME-MADE PHILOSOPHY

The greater the man the stronger his sympathies for humanity.

No one knows the value of a pretty face better than they who are deformed.

With the rich man politics is for profit, with the poor man it is generally prejudice.

Slowly, slowly the day is dawning when men will break away from their mental masters and boldly admit that to work for humanity is the one thing needful.

## MEMORIAL AT ELKS LODGE BY E. C. BENNETT

Annual Lodge of Sorrow Was Held Sunday

AT ROOM OF LODGE

Hall Was Filled By Elks and the Service Included Vocal Music and Selections by Orchestra.

The annual memorial exercises of Bennington lodge of Elks was held Sunday afternoon at the rooms of the lodge with a large attendance of Elks, including several from out of town. The program was as follows: Processional, "Marche Celebre" from F. Lachner's Suite No. 1.

by Toban.

Orchestra.

Bro. Geo. E. Bonnelly, Director Opening Ceremonies.

Exalted Ruler J. A. Evans

Roll Call, "Our Honored Dead"

H. B. Hutchins, Secretary

Solo, "In My Father's Mansion" Tracy

E. E. Bottum

Dedication of Altar

By the Lodge

Opening Ode

By the Lodge

Prayer

Chaplain, Bro. J. P. Mulligan

Selection

The Orchestra

General Eulogy

District Deputy E. C. Bennett

Solo, "Calvary" Rodney

E. E. Bottum

Selection

The Orchestra

Closing Ceremonies

By the Lodge

Hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Prayer

The Chaplain

Recessional, "Anthony's Victory"

from "Anthony and Cleopatra"

Greunwald

The Orchestra.

The closing paragraphs of Judge Bennett's address were as follows:

"We have upon our honor as men and Elks, promised each and every other Elk our true and abiding friendship, and if we fall short in the performance of that promise, then have we not sullied our honor and ourselves become unworthy to be called a brother."

"While on the other hand, the kindly expression of friendly criticism and the well intended word of advice and encouragement, is an act of friendship and should be received in the spirit in which it was intended."

"The real depths of human nature are beyond our knowledge, but we do know that somewhere beneath the surface, invisible, and close to the heart of every human being, there exists a real quality for love and a yearning for reciprocal regard and sympathy."

"Let us not be deceived by the exterior mark of coldness and indifference. Let the lesson of this day teach us to ever look upon each other with the eye of fraternal regard and brotherly devotion."

"No one of us can find comfort and happiness without the aid and sympathy of each and every other man, and he who thoughtlessly withholds that fraternal spirit of reciprocal sympathy, may one day sink to earth beneath his own burden of selfishness and lost opportunity."

"And that a man, by reason of human weakness, unrestrained and temptations unresisted, a brother falls by the way, let us endeavor to appreciate the agony of the suffering heart, brought perchance to a stern and sudden realization of impending disaster. And when in process of time that same heart, cleansed by suffering and penitential performance, with the aid of our brotherly sympathy, is born again upon the solid structure of courage, hope and trust regained, let us then, my brothers, eagerly stretch forth the loving hand of fraternal brotherhood, and with one voice exclaim—Come, my brother, risen from the ashes of your sorrow and despair, feel again the warmth of our love for you, and with eyes fixed steadfastly on the future, the past forgotten, enter then into the joy of our fraternal fellowship."

"Let us do all we can in our day and generation in the cause of humanity. Every man has a divine mission to help his fellowmen."

"There is one platform on which we stand united and that is the platform of friendship, charity and benevolence. And never do we approach nearer to eternal grace than when we do our part to alleviate the sorrows of others. Never do we perform an act more Godlike than when we bring sunshine to hearts that are dark and desolate, and cause the flowers of joy and gladness to bloom in souls that were dry and barren before. Religion, in the words of the Apostle, is this: 'To visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation.'"

## REV. G. S. MILLS IS GIVEN SIX MONTHS LEAVE

To Accept Chaplaincy of Naval Station

TO LEAVE NEXT WEEK

Is to Work at Detention Camp For The Boys Who Join Navy at Great Lakes Naval Station.

Rev. George S. Mills, for the past 14 years pastor of the Second Congregational church, has been granted a six months leave of absence by the church to become a naval chaplain attached to the Great Lakes Naval station, on the shore of Lake Michigan, just north of Chicago.

Mr. Mills will be attached to the staff of the Y. M. C. A. but his work will be independent, under the auspices of the National Service commission. His special department will be in the detention camp where the boys spend three weeks before going into active service.

In this detention camp there are 3,000 boys and at the station are upwards of 13,000. Secretary Daniels has stated that this number will be increased to 25,000 in the near future.

Mr. Mills work will be personal and special and he will be expected to preach or deliver an address each Sunday at Waukegan, which is near the Naval Station.

Mr. Mills at the morning service Sunday asked the congregation to remain at the close of the service and he explained the call and asked leave of absence which was unanimously granted. Informally, as the official action has to be delayed a little, the pastor's salary will be continued by the church as he receives no pay for his work as chaplain except a partial payment of his expenses.

During his absence it is hoped and expected that an arrangement can be made with the First church so that Rev. Graham can officiate once every Sunday at each church.

## SHERIFFS TO SAVE COAL

Gov. Graham Urges County Jail Officials to Conserve Supply.

Montpelier, Nov. 29.—The following letter has been received by Sheriff of the various counties in Vermont from Gov. Graham's office:

Dear Sheriff: You are doubtless aware of the fact that, while there may not be a shortage of fuel this winter, yet it will be necessary to use what fuel we have in the most economical manner possible in order that there will be no wastage.

Will you kindly see to it that the fuel used in your court house, and all is conserved? Every saving that we can make will certainly be of great assistance to the state at large and an example set by state officials in this particular must necessarily have its influence.

Yours very truly,  
Horace F. Graham, Governor.

lations, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world."

"Or, in the words of the Grecian Oration: 'There is no way by which men can approach nearer to the Gods than by contributing to the welfare of their fellow creatures.'"

"I don't feel like closing without saying a few words regarding the loss sustained during the past year by our own Lodge. It is our good fortune that but one was taken from us, and that one a brother who had lived the allotted time and whose mission on earth was practically completed."

"As you well know, I refer to Brother John Robinson, who, during the years of his membership in this Lodge won the regard